



AN INTERESTING RELATIVE OF THE MANGOSTEEN.

(*Garcinia oblongifolia* Champ., S. P. I. No. 36497.)

The true mangosteen (*Garcinia mangos'ana* L.), famed as the finest fruit of the Tropics, is produced by a tree which is so difficult to grow that it has not yet been established in many parts of the American Tropics. The species here shown, which may perhaps be called the yellow mangosteen, seems likely to prove more resistant to cold than the true mangosteen and less exacting in its soil requirements. Seeds of this interesting plant were received in 1913 through the courtesy of the late William J. Tutcher, of the Botanical and Forestry Department, Hongkong, China. The branch here shown is from a plant grown in the greenhouse at Bell, Md., from the seed sent in by Mr. Tutcher. The fruit, which strikingly suggests the mangosteen in appearance (except for its yellow color), is about 2 inches in diameter, delightfully aromatic, and subacid in flavor. (Photographed by E. L. Crandall at the Photographic Laboratory, July, 1922; P27580, 27581FS.)